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Business Dean Demoted to Professor

Kurt Milton Pickett and Brittany Manson
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Dr. Joseph Goetz, Dean of the College of Business Administration, was demoted Monday from his position as Dean by his immediate superior, Dr. Stuart Mills, Interim Provost. Goetz will continue at LSUS as professor of Accounting and Business Law. In a memo he sent to all faculty in the College of Business Administration, Goetz cited "very different academic traditions" and "divergent professional values" between himself and Chancellor Vincent Marsala as reasons for his demotion. When asked why he removed Goetz from the Dean's seat, Mills stated, "There are many reasons involved, but I'd rather not discuss them publicly."

Goetz came to LSUS with an extensive history of administrative employment. Before his hire in the Spring of 1995 and his nearly immediate promotion to Dean of the College of Business Administration in early June of that year, Goetz was employed as Director of Graduate Studies in Business at the University of Tulsa. Prior to his administrative employment at Tulsa, Goetz was the Dean of the School of Management and Business Sciences at Oklahoma City University. In addition to this administrative experience, Goetz's curriculum vitae cites a long list of professional accounting publications.

But despite these objective qualifications, Mills "reassigned" Goetz in a memo sent to the faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration on March 11, 1996. Mills wrote, "Effective immediately, I am reassigning Dr. Joe Goetz from Dean of the College of Business Administration and Professor to Professor in the Department of Accounting /Business Law. I am asking Dr. Charlotte Jones to oversee the affairs of the Office of the College of Business Administration until an Interim Dean can be named in the immediate future . . . I am distressed by the disruption this action will cause in your College especially as you begin your accreditation process."

In response to Mills' decision, Goetz stated that he and Marsala had discussed

Dr. Joe Goetz, former Dean of the College of Business Administration

his demotion shortly after Marsala was named Chancellor in December. According to Goetz, he and Marsala discussed the different directions in which they each hoped to guide the university. Goetz stated that, their opinions being in opposition, he realized he would soon be

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A drawing of Chancellor Vincent Marsala created by one of Dr. Barbara Abbot's drawing classes. Marsala commented that he has not seen the piece but hopes the students who created it get an "A."

Book allocation formula reconsidered

Brittany Manson
Almagest

The Faculty Senate Library Committee is considering changing the formula by which books and journals are bought.

The committee, which consists of one representative from each college and two student representatives, met on March 4 to analyze the formula that allocates funds to each college for books and serials used among departments.

The meeting's purpose was to determine whether the existing formula is as fair as it can to be for all colleges. If not, the committee wants to develop a new formula that will be more fair to all the four colleges. If a change is deemed necessary, the committee needs to determine which factors should figure into the new formula and which factors should not.

The existing formula, which was developed by Dr. Paul Deiermann, takes into account numerous factors like the number of full-time faculty in each departments, number of students currently enrolled in each level of instruction, average cost of undergraduate and graduate materials, and number of credit hours being taken by students in each department.

Some of the factors that are being looked at for possible additon to the new formula, if one is adopted, is library use among all departments, the weight that is in favor of graduate students, and distance learning courses.

In analyzing this university's formula, the committee looked at formulas from other colleges in a publication called The Bowker Annual, which allows the committee to see what works for other college libraries.

One example that has been looked at is from the Lavery Library of St. John Fisher College. They include several factors that we do , but they also take into effect the number of majors within a department, new concepts, college and departmental objectives, and the nature of the courses, which the library senate is looking into.

It is obvious that this formula is extremely complex. The library senate committee has scheduled their next meeting for March 25 to further discuss any possible changes. If, in fact, a new formula is adopted by the committee it will go into effect during the fall semester.

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replaced by someone who agrees with Marsala. According to Goetz, he then asked Marsala to make the change "as soon as possible." Stating that he had "hoped it would happen by February 1," Goetz wanted to be replaced quickly so the College could begin to plan for the next term.

Dr. Charlotte Jones, Assistant Dean of the College of Business Administration, could not be reached for comment.

When asked to comment on Goetz's demotion, Dr. Luvonia Casperson, chair of the Department of Economics and Finance, stated, "In academia, we believe in the collegial process . . ."—a system by which individuals in administrative positions serve as liaisons, obtaining their power from the individuals beneath them in the hierarchy, but serving "at the pleasure" of those above them. "I'm sorry to see him go. I think there were some personality problems," stated Casperson. "I think he was having more trouble with the administration, but it's [the collegial process] a two-way street. . . If you're not effective with the administration, you're not a good spokesperson for the college," stated Casperson. When asked if she thought that Goetz was having any difficulties with his faculty, Casperson said, "Obviously there were some problems there," and reiterated that a Dean must be an effective liaison between the faculty and the administration.

When asked to expound on why he demoted Goetz, Mills stated, "That falls under the privacy of personnel records."

Photo by Rita Uotila
Students and faculty on the first floor of Bronson Hall Friday during mock tornado drill.

Editor's Note:

Flynn Dulle has resigned from the position of *Almagest* editor due to family reasons. Before becoming editor this semester, Dulle served as production manager.

The staff of *The Almagest* wishes him and his family well, and anticipates receiving cartoons from him for the remainder of this semester.

Associate Editor Shelly Cole will assume the editor's position. Cole stated, "I hope I can do as good a job as he did."

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Vote the lesser of two evils

After looking over all of the candidates for this year's election, I have come to an undeniable conclusion: I don't like any of them. None of these people would I be comfortable sending to Washington to sit in the most powerful chair in the world. I don't think that we have had a choice for many years, with the present no exception. I have my reasons for stating this.

First, I think that those who are best qualified to BE president never run for office. Why is that? Because they are smart. They do not want to endure the media's microscope that all candidates are shoved under, dissected and perused over like so many lab specimens. The media scrutiny (which most media people couldn't pass themselves) must certainly have a chilling effect on potential candidates, causing them to think twice before throwing themselves into the fray. If you dig deeply enough into most anyone's closet, more than likely you will find a skeleton or two. The press has the power to completely destroy any candidate's chances of ever being elected, as well as casting serious light upon someone's integrity. However, if the press happens to love you, than certain incidents can be swept under the rug with the wink of an eye.

The present system as it exists can not properly represent the American public. I say this because my views are not embodied solely by one party; I like some of what both parties offer. You might say that I should be an Independent, and that might appeal to me. However, an Independent has about as much chance as Barry Switzer does of being elected president. And with this the case, I must live with a candidate from one side or the other who will invariably not live up to the cross-over promises made to the wavering voters in the name of victory. I would love to see the formation of another party, as this would provide another check and balance into a political system that I feel is increasingly out of touch with reality. I realize that this is no cure-all, but it has to be better than the "scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours" or "it's-our-way-or-no-way" attitudes which presently prevail.

The 30-second political ad should be banned, much like what Australia has done. The reasoning here is that a person's political agenda can be wrapped up in a neat little package for the voters to digest, right? Wrong. It's 30 seconds of mud-slinging, head-slamming, below-the-belt attacks, and anything goes. Negative campaigning seems to have reached a new high (or low, if you will) and serves only to cloud the true issues by pointing the finger at the other candidate. The media falls right into line, using their agenda-setting power to invent pseudo issues while not giving enough attention to other concerns that could potentially affect the way we live in the real world. To reduce a campaign to smear tactics and name-calling is an undignified return to the playground of childhood.

Also I think that it is nearly impossible to keep informed on the issues to draw a clear and concise picture of what is actually happening. To do this, one would have to quit jobs, school, or both, to read and watch television all day. That is impossible for normal people, so we have to rely on the media to lay it all out for us. Consequently, we are exposed to someone else's idea of what the issues are. If one doesn't have time to balance their information with a plurality of sources, can one say that they are truly informed? Then there are those who vote simply on the basis of physical appearance, or because of only one issue (taxes, perhaps). No matter how well informed I am, my vote is simply that— one vote. Never mind that the popular vote has not actually determined who was president for many years (can you say electoral college?).

When November comes, and we head to the polls to elect a new leader, I know what I will have to do. I will look at the choices that I have, and I will pick one. But this is not a choice made from confidence, or who I think represents what is good for the country. Rather, it is a vote against the one I think can do the most damage. When I vote this fall, it will be a choice between the lesser of two evils.

David Eleuterius
Almagest

Letters Policy

The Almagest requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double spaced. Please include your class and major field of study. Letters should be submitted to *The Almagest* office, BH 344, by noon on the Friday preceding the Thursday publication date. Obscene, libelous and anonymous letters will not be printed. *The Almagest* reserves the right to edit letters.

Letters to the editor

Mathematics associate professor clarifies his position on Fraga

Dear Almagest,

This letter is being written to correct some inaccurate statements in the March 7th issue concerning Dr. Robert Fraga's bid for tenure. The general essence of my statements was correct, but more accuracy is in order.

Dr. Fraga has not written four grants, as stated in the article. He has written one grant and is very involved in three other grants.

I was quoted as saying "I suspect our chair has brought in more" money than the Chancellor. More accurately, I said Fraga has the potential to bring in more money than the Chancellor. The four grants Dr. Fraga has had a hand in have not yet been funded, if they are funded at all. However, the more grants one applies for, the greater chances are of success.

I was quoted as saying that "Marsala stated that he chose to oppose Fraga's tenure" since Dr. Fraga has not been at LSU-S for one year. Five of the full-time math faculty met with the Chancellor to express our strong support for Dr. Fraga's tenure bid, and at that meeting the Chancellor expressed his concern that Fraga has not been at LSU-S very long. At no time during that meeting did the Chancellor say he opposed Dr. Fraga's tenure.

The article stated that when a faculty member is up for tenure review, the normal process requires a vote of the individual's departmental collegues. Only the department's tenured faculty votes on tenure, not the entire faculty. So even though six out of nine of our full-time faculty and six out of seven of the department's Ph.D.'s (counting Dr. Fraga) support his tenure bid, only two out of six have tenure and were allowed to vote.

I also want to state that the original tenure vote was taken four or five weeks after Dr. Fraga's hire, as Dr. Spaht mentioned. However, the Provost and Chancellor made their final decision about two weeks ago, and at the time, Dr. Fraga had been here almost six months. This is plenty of time to judge some one of Dr. Fraga's caliber for tenure. Dr. Spaht did have the opportunity to support Dr. Fraga's tenure bid at this time, by signing a letter in support of Dr. Fraga which was circulated among the Mathematics faculty. Dr. Spaht chose not to sign the letter.

Sincerely,
Dr. Paul Deiermann
Department of Mathematics

Editor's note: The Almagest stands behind its original story.

Student Speaks Out Against Gambling

Harrah's. the Horseshoe. Casinos. The lottery. Louisiana has jumped into the gaming business in a big way without fulling realizing the full costs associated with legalized gambling. The social, economic, and governmental costs are enormous to you and your community.

Gambling is a bad social policy. Studies show that it often hurts minority groups the most. A recent issue of Public Gambling documents facts that blacks and Hispanics are more than twice as likely to participate in gaming— causing a disproportionate impact on minorities. It also affects the poor. The University of Michigan found that the poor are more likely to spend a greater proportion of their income on gambling than the rest of the population. California has come to the same conclusion— heavy gamblers tend to be minorities and the poorer and less educated. Ultimately, this ends up as a regressive tax: those people least able to pay squander the most.

Gambling corrupts citizens. It breeds greed. Many articles in newspapers across the state have documented successful ordinary people who have lost jobs, families, and life to this vice. Local gambling establishments go further and produce glitzy ads that appeal to people's greed. This promotes the wrong ideals. You are seven times more likely to be killed by lightning than to win a million dollars in the lottery. Society should be promoting positive social values like thrift and integrity rather than negative ones like greed and avarice.

The economic costs are significant. The average gambler debts exceed $80,000. Many banks and credit unions in our area report a tremendous rise in bankruptcy since gambling intruded into our community. This means you will be paying for their debts in the form of higher interest rates on loans and even higher banking fees for basic services like a checking account. We can see the economic impact even more dramatically from the boarded-up businesses surrounding the casinos. Family neglect, embezzlement, and theft cause further costs. You and I are the ones that are paying the costs. Money that could be invested, loaned, and recycled through our economy is being wasted in a legalized gambling scheme.

We must begin standing up for our values and belief in the American free enterprise system. The Twentieth Century Fund research group commented: "Gambling's get-rich-quick appeal appears to mock capitalism's core values; disciplined work habits, thrift, prudence, adherence to routine, and the relationship between effort and reward."

The facts show that gambling is a bad social, economic, and governmental policy. As citizens and future leaders of America, we must stand against gaming. Let your voice be heard.

Byron Brewer
Finance major, Freshman

A Racist's Perspective on Affirmative Action

Kurt Milton Pickett
Almagest

Column

I *am* a racist.

Although the vast majority of crimes in this country are committed by white men, when I hear someone describing a crime (particularly a violent crime), in my mind I envision a black man. Although most welfare recipients are white, when I think about welfare, I think about black people. Although I know they are untrue, sometimes the ideas that people of color are unclean, greedy, selfish, or stupid will pop into my head. At times I feel consumed by these thoughts—the teachings of the racist American culture. Despite my most disciplined attempts to rid myself of them, they persist.

More honestly, these racist thoughts are not artifacts "in my mind"—mental luggage that can be opened or closed, or left in Key West. These thoughts are mine; they are *my* racism—an active part of my character. Although I didn't ask for it, and although I would have it removed if I could, the racism is nonetheless mine. To deny that I am a racist is to lie to myself, denying the existence of this mental racism—thoughts that *undoubtedly* have an influence over my behavior.

My racism talks to me. It tells me that it isn't really racism, or that it's not a big racism. And although I know people whose racism is much more obvious than mine, this does not mean that my racism is a myth. In fact, blatant racism is perhaps a preferable form of racism—preferable in a society trying to rid itself of racism—*because* it is obvious. Indeed, if a racist's racism is obvious to others and society, then it is potentially obvious to himself; and thus he may have the option to examine his thoughts and choose different actions. The darkest form of racism is the unspoken, hidden variety—the kind that talks to me. This is the racism that evades the racists awareness and therefore, keenly, ensures its continued existence and expression. Because I know that I am vulnerable to this whisper that asks me to ignore my racism, I continually strive to keep myself aware of my racism, fearing that otherwise my thoughts might, if left unchecked for long enough, lead to unconscious racist actions. Speaking publicly and honestly about my racism allows me a level of liberation from it.

Knowing this about myself, and believing that I am no more or less capable of dealing with my racism than the average American, I find it shocking that so many individuals are quick to state that they are not racists. Yes, I can attempt treat all people with dignity. Yes, I can attempt to ignore the mental tapes of the racist messages that I have been taught since the day I was born. But does this make me any less a racist? If I continue to think the racist ideas that I have been taught to believe, how can I honestly say that I am a man free of racism? More importantly, if I think racism, can I honestly contend that I am completely free of racist behavior? What, if not my thought, dictates my actions?

Recognizing that Americans were thinking racist thoughts and therefore engaging in racist behaviors, on September 24, 1965, in the spirit of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson wrote an Executive Order stating that all federal contractors " . . . take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed . . . without regard to their sex, creed, color, or national origin." This measure was taken because Johnson knew that in America, if you are white you are likely to get a contract solely because of it. But how did he know this? Simple: Virtually all federal contracts were being awarded to white workers. The theory behind his Executive Order is equally simple: Accepting the premise "that all men are created equal," in a geographic area with given percentages of various racial groups, if employment follows without regard to any non-meritorious factor, each and every place of employment will have a workforce that, according to statistical randomization, mirrors the community as a whole. That is, in a community with 13% black citizens, each place of employment (if it hires without consideration of race) will have a workforce that is 13% black. In 1965, the workforce in virtually every community was nearly 100% white, but Johnson didn't have the power to force all agencies to comply with what would later become know as *Affirmative Action*. Fortunately, in 1972 the Equal Employment Opportunity Act expanded the reach of the Civil Rights Act to include most non-contract governmental employment and public university admission.

Johnson's Executive Order and these pieces of legislation not only encouraged, but demanded that governmental institutions overcome their racist practices—*their current racist practices*. Although many believe that Affirmative Action is designed to deal with past transgressions against people of color (and women), on the contrary, it is designed to deal with ongoing discrimination against the members of these groups. If white America once owned slaves, freed its slaves and never engaged in racism again, there would be no need for Affirmative Action. But that is not what happened; America and Americans continued to be racist. So something had to be done to ensure that America live up to its claim of equality for all.

However, in attempting to ensure this

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SGA Considers Revising Student Constitution

Amy Cavanaugh
Almagest

The dates of the SGA elections will be pushed back one week to March 22-29 if a revision to the constitution passes in a special election March 14. This revision would enable the SGA to change the week of voting, and change the grade point average for "running, taking, and maintaining the offices of SGA President and Vice-President from a 2.5 to a 2.0" according to SGA Vice President Scott Wolf. President John Braud is "strongly opposed" to this revision on the basis that the elections were already set for the week of March 18-22 and the money has already been spent for advertising them for that date.

If the revision passes, new candidates who qualify under the new GPA requirement will be allowed to run for office.

The current list of candidates is as follows:

President:	Dana Foster
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Upcoming Events

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For more information call the career center at 797-5062.

The Accounting Club and the IRS will offer free tax assistance Monday, March 18 from noon until 9 p.m. in the University Center.

The Ronald E. McNair Program at LSU is accepting applications from minority, low-income, first generation junior and senior college students for graduate school assistance through March 22.

For more information call LSU at (504) 388-4321.

Student Activities will sponsor the comedy act of Red Johnny and The Round Guy March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center.

The Shreveport Astronomical Society will sponsor a free comet lecture March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium and a free party March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Ralph W. Worley Observatory.

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equality, Johnson's Order and the two Acts did not institute quota systems. Language ordering quota systems can be found nowhere in federal Jurisprudence. Rather, these executive and legislative proclamations required that the relevant institutions take some action, any action, to end their clearly racist hiring and admissions practices. White quotas existed far before Affirmative Action. In fact, every "slot" at almost every place of employment and higher learning was reserved for a white person. The fact that Affirmative Action has begun to end such practices should make every American intensely proud. However, instead, some Americans think that every slot should be for white people—*every one*. And some Americans think that if a private employer so chooses, he should be allowed to hire based on race. And some Americans think that if that employer's racism is shown in a court of law, and that state court forces that employer to institute quotas to force him to end his racist hiring practices (after he was given the chance to end his racism via any self-imposed method), then the court is wrong. Well I say the court is right.

Before Affirmative Action, America was allowed to segregate—a remanent from an archaic time in our history—an action based on an old mental tape. Since, black and white Americans have been thrust together in the workplace and at school. Naturally this has caused some hostility, and many have resisted; some are resisting even today. And although, by and large, we still choose to live separately, slowly we are learning, merely by interaction—by our human experiences with one another—that neither is inherently prone to crime, or to welfare, and neither is more unclean, greedy, selfish, or stupid than the other. But though we are making progress, our work is not done. Still in corporate America, the faces are mostly white. And on campuses . . . well, just look around you. And while I won't attempt to argue that present racism is as obvious or as murderous as the racism of the past, racism is still whispering in the minds of Americans.

Until the tapes in my head stop, I will not believe that they have stopped in the heads of most Americans. And until that day comes, America needs Affirmative Action.

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LSUS to Play NCAA #32 Northeast

Shelly Cole
Almagest

The LSUS Pilots will face the Northeast Louisiana University Indians today on the LSUS baseball field at 2 p.m.

LSUS belongs to NAIA while Northeast was ranked #32 in the NCAA coming into this season. NCAA is generally more competitive because of the availability of scholarships for players while LSUS has no funds to offer scholarships.

The Indians are currently 12-9 for this season. Earlier in the season the two teams met at Northeast in Monroe where the Indians threw the Pilots an 11-1 loss.

Photo by Rita Uotila
Third baseman Micah Rockwell

The Pilots are currently batting .313 as a team with a 7-7 record. LSUS has seven batters with an above .300 average.

Jeff Smith and Dennis Etheredge are leading with batting averages of .500 and .565 respectively. Colby Hand is another strong batter with a .400 average and two homeruns under his belt.

Mike Hickok appears to be the all around player with strong percentages in the field and at the plate. With a .293 batting average Hickok has pulled in the team high 12 RBIs and has a .962 fielding percentage (2 errors in 14 games played).

While Northeast's batting average is much lower, .260, their 3.82 ERA could be the deciding factor in today's game. The Pilots' ERA has swollen to 9.14 with the best one at 5.70. The Indians' top pitcher carries a 0.86 ERA, and they have four others pitching under 4.00.

Northeast is currently 12-9 for the season and is expected to win today's game. However, comparing the two teams would be an injustice to the Pilots since most of LSUS' players are not as experienced as the Indians. Also, LSUS provides no scholarships to players yet still remains competitive in its NAIA division.

Playing Northeast today could help prepare the Pilots for upcoming games against heavy NAIA competitors like Dallas Baptist University and East Texas Baptist University.

Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here

Brian Allen
Almagest

Americans love comebacks. That's why Stallone couldn't stop after just four Rockys, and why we preferred the chubby, grandfatherly George Foreman to his younger, much better conditioned counterpart. It's why world champions are asked "Can you repeat?" before the euphoria from their current accomplishments have faded. No matter how many times a sporting figure impresses us, we burn to know just how many great plays they have left. It is for all these reasons that the 1996 NBA Playoffs promise to be among the most memorable in the league's history. For this year, we are presented with two comeback stories we'll most certainly be telling our grandchildren about.

Absolutely no one was surprised last season when Michael Jordan announced he was trading in his cleats for sneakers. He had chased a childhood dream as far as his aging legs would carry him, and with each uninspired pop fly, with each outfield miscue, it became clearer and clearer that this icon was indeed human. Even Jordan had to concede he'd need years of work to become just a mediocre baseball player, and had started ten years too late to harbor any hope of being a major leaguer. Having reached that conclusion, it was only a matter of time before the hardwood beckoned him to make a long anticipated return.

The stage was set for a triumphant return as Jordan leapt back into the NBA for its final 20 games. He felt that would provide more than enough time to remove any rust his two year hiatus had allowed to settle. For all intents and purposes, he appeared as the Jordan of old. His 55 point barrage against a Knicks team hamstrung by rules changes eliminating their most effective methods of defense seemed proof that Jordan was not only the president of the zone, but also a client. It appeared Superman had stepped out of the phone booth just in time to save the day for the Chicago Bulls.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Finals. The Orlando Magic, led by new generation superstars Shaquille O' Neal and Penny Hardaway embarrassed the Bulls in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Jordan had several notable gaffs, and while he never looked as hapless as he had on the baseball diamond, his performance led some to question whether he was still the game's greatest player. In losing the playoff series, Jordan realized a new challenge: Ascend to the pinnacle of his game one more time, and answer all the questions. It was time for a comeback the way only Jordan could.

Column

The Bulls' first half resurgence is nothing short of incredible. Jordan can hardly take all the credit as Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman have made certain that the Bulls are graced with not one, but three household names. The only thing more discouraging for opponents than the three banners that already hang in the United Center is the revelation that none of those Bulls' teams were as good as the current one. This is not to say no team can stop the Bulls, but the odds of the 1960's Boston Celtics making a comeback are not good.

As for the Orlando Magic, the young team is powerful at home but woeful on the road. Unless the Bulls play the remainder of their games blindfolded, Orlando will be forced to win at least one game in the Windy City. NBC is no doubt already licking its chops over what could be the highest rated NBA Finals of all time.

But a winning Finals mix needs another special ingredient, and Earvin "Magic" Johnson is more than ready to provide it. While Jordan's comeback was an inevitability, it appeared as if fear and prejudice would conspire to end Johnson's Hall of Fame career. When Johnson shocked the sports world with the announcement that he was HIV positive, it became impossible to turn one's head. From that day forward, not a single American could say they didn't know someone afflicted with this silent killer. A comeback was as implausible as a cure, and the legend had slammed to a halt.

Now the league welcomes Johnson back after a four - year absence, having educated its players to the real risks of contracting the virus. Johnson now finds himself the most closely scrutinized athlete in the world for reasons having nothing to do with his jump shot or crossover dribble. His return seeks to counteract the message that the HIV virus is a death sentence, and the early returns are even better than expected.

Four years the wiser and twenty pounds heavier, Johnson plays both a new position and a new role. Magic, the flashy point guard and team focal point, is now the power forward and wily veteran. His new physical style of play is already answering questions as to whether anyone will touch him. As Golden State rookie Joe Smith will tell you, Johnson isn't giving opponents the option.

Can these two comeback kings meet in a return match from the 1991 NBA Finals? Johnson's road will prove tougher than Jordan's, as a wide open Western Conference could send anyone of five or six teams as the struggle to dethrone the defending champion Houston Rockets moves into high gear. At 36, a Johnson with no health problems whatsoever would still have a difficult time running with the likes of Shawn Kemp and Robert Horry. Johnson must now deal with not only the NBA's youth movement, but the possibility that his greatest ally may become his deadliest foe.

His once flawless body could at any moment give way to symptoms of HIV, and then the AIDS virus itself. The virus has no timetable, which is why this comeback is being followed by the AMA as well as the NBA. There remain a whole host of questions that can be answered by no doctor, nor by Magic himself. Only time truly knows what, if any, damage Johnson's immune system will sustain in his second turn as an NBA superstar.

But no one who has ever seen Johnson play doubts he has earned his nickname. If he can take this immature but talented Laker team to the promised land, pull one or two more rabbits out of his postseason hat, then he will teach a whole new generation how to believe in "Magic."

The wait until May will surely be a long one, as fans witness both these comebacks with awe. With every tongue wag, no - look pass, and every lesson these two teach their teammates and their opponents, we will watch, wait, and hope. Because unless Larry Bird rises from his courtside seat to once again don Celtic green, it simply can't get any better.

Intermural Basketball Scores

Monday, March 4
Click 138, TKE 60
MS1 100, Hack Pack 51
Dream Team (FT)*, 2nd II None (W)

Tuesday, March 5
Hoop Dreams 57, Hack Pack 55
Click 67, Phi Delta Theta 59
Hoop Dreams 56, 7 Dwarfs 49
2nd II None 55, MS1 43
2nd II None 67, Click 65
Phi Delta Theta 58, Beatabull 55

Wednesday, March 6
And 1 66, Hoop Dreams 58
2nd II None 92, Kappa Sigma 31
7 Dwarfs(W), Hack Pack(FT)
And 1 59, TKE 52
2nd II None 84, Phi Delta Theta 39
Hack Pack 46, Kappa Sigma 42

Thursday, March 7
And 1 58, Hack Pack 46
Click 84, 7 Dwarfs 79
MS1(W), Dream Team(FT)
And 1 70, Hack Pack 68
Smegma 74, Hoop Dreams 60
*(FT) - FORFEIT

Campus Organizations

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION
Activities: Bible studies, discipleships groups, mission action
Meets: 11:00 and 12;00 p.m. Wed. and Thurs. at 7 p.m.
Contact Skip Noble, 797-1946

COLLEAGUES
Activities: Volunteer services for Volunteers of America, parties
Meets: Tues 10:30 a.m.
Contact Skip Noble, Jim Hicks, 797-5102

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
Activites: Guest speakers, work in political campaigns
Meets: every Tues. at beginning of month
Contact:Dr. Jefferey Sadow, 797-5159

GOLDEN Z CLUB
Activities: Projects focusing on illiteracy, the enviroment, scholarships avail.Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. each month.Contact: Anita Harkness, 797-1946

MAINSTREAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meets: Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Outdoor concerts, weekend fellowships and trips, volunteer work .
Contact: Lori Bennet, 797-1946

RANGERS
Meets: TBA
Activities: Realistic combat training (repelling, weapons), social activities.
Contact:SFC Perry Buchanan, 797-5122

S'PORT/BOSSIER CAMPUS MINISTRY
Meets: Tues. 10:30 a.m.in UC
Activities: Weekly devotionals, socials, service proj., retreats.
Contact: Dan Fultz 869-5024

SPJ-LSUS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST
Activities: Guest speakers on topics related to the field of Journalism. social functions.
Contact:Michelle Millhollen, 746-7860

TAE KWON DO
Meets: TBA
Activities: Campus events, tournaments, self-defense clinics, rape prevention
Contact: Regina Washington,631-9976

WEIGHTLIFTING
Meets: TBA
Activities: Workouts, clinics, competition in local, state, nat'l meets.
Contact: Kyle Pierce, 797-5271

ACJS/ Lamda Alpha Epsilon
Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. ea month
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on Law Enforcement ops.
Contact: Richard Georgia, 797-5078

LAMDA SIGMA EPSILON, BIOLOGY/HEALTH SCIENCE CLUB
Meets: Tues. or Thurs. Common Hour
Activities: Community service, fund raising, hiking, bird watching, tours
Contact: Dr. James Ingold, 797-5244

DRAMA CLUB
Meets: Tues.,Thurs.10:30 a.m. BH 330
Activities: Dramatic productions, 1st-hand info on auditions in local prod., volunteer work.
Contact:Jorji Jarzabek, 797-5228

ENGLISH CLUB
Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. month
Activities: Annual book fair, poetry readings, faculty presentations, socials.
Contact:Tom Dubose, 797-5158

INTERNATIONAL CLUB
Meets: 1st Tues. each month
Activities: Guest Speakers, films,cultural and charity events.
Contact: Lynn Walford 797-5245

GOVERNMENT & LAW SOCIETY
Meets: once a month
Activities: Speakers & debates, etc.
Contact: Prof. William D. Pederson, 797-5351

HEALTH & PHYS. ED. CLUB
Meets: Tues. or Thurs. 10:30
Activities: "Almost Anything Goes" for LSUS, judge field days for elementary's
Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS
Meets: Once a month, common hour
Activities: Student Teacher reception, guest speakers, workshops
Contact: Cindy Olson, 797-5032

MBA ASSOCIATION
Meets: once a month
Activities: Seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities.
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business, 797-5017

CHEMISTRY CLUB
Meets: 10:30 a.m. 1st Thurs. ea. month
Activities: Group activities
Contact: Dr. Wayne Gustavson, 797-5091

PI SIGMA EPSILON, MKT & MNGMT
Meets: 2nd & 4th Tues. monthly 10:30
Activities: Conduct sales & mkt. proj. for local bus., social functions.
Contact: Ms. Gayle Norton, 797-5268

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB
Meets: 1st & 3rd Thurs. monthly 10:30
Activities: Meetings with topics, ie. family violence & therapy. field trips
Contact: Kelly Haydel, 797-5365 or 797-5057

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS SOCIETY OF AMERICA
Meets: twice monthly
Activities: Guest speakers, learn basics of public relations, networking, national and dis. PRSSA meetings, luncheons.
Contact: Kathy Smith, 797-5340

SOCIAL WORK/SOCIOLOGY CLUB
Meets: every other Thurs.
Activities: Guest speakers on psych related topics, community svc. projects
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin, Dr. Dolch, 797-5351

SOCIETY or HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Meets: 1st & 3rd Tues. ea. month
Activities: Seminars, guest speaker luncheons at the University Club, Mentorship prog.
Contact: Gwen Smith 797-5024 & Dr. Vassar, 797-5020

STUDENT COUNCIL for EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
Meets: 1st & 3rd Fri. monthly
Activities: Service proj. involving handicapped children.
Contact:Dr. Alan Thompson & joe Patrick, 797-5390

ROTORAC
Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities:Student service org. One service project per semester, luncheons
Contact:Dr. Paul Merckle, 797-5240

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Amnesty International, an organization focusing on human rights, is forming a LSUS chapter. If interested, contact Judy Koveleski (left) at 746-2228 or Becky Lear at 747-4848. The next meeting will be at noon Tuesday in Bronson Hall 465.

Campus Calendar

MARCH 14

Breast Cancer presentation by Dr. Adrienne Critcher
U.C. Theater, 10:30 a.m.

MARCH 26

Student forum - University Center Theater, 10:25 a.m.